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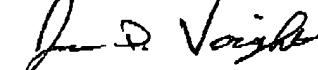
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It appears to the undersigned that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 26, 2005 was sent in error. The Notice indicates that "A complete listing of all of the claims is not present" and "claim 18 is not present". However, applicants' preliminary amendment of December 7, 2004 lists all of the claims and claim 18 is properly listed with the status identifier "(canceled)". Applicants note that said amendment to the claims is listed on PAIR as "Applicant Arguments or Remarks Made in an Amendment". In any event, applicants enclose herewith a further copy of the amendments to the claims.

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